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The purpose of this letter is in support of Bell South's petition before the Tennessee Regulatory Commissioner to enter the long distance provider market in Tennessee. The Urban League of Greater Chattanooga representing one of many Charitable Organizations and Workforce Development providers in Tennessee, has benefited over the past several years from Bell South's generous corporate philanthropy to help level the playing field for all Tennesseans. Their donation and provisions for employment opportunities have been a tremendous value add.

In addition to the above, BellSouth's entry into the long distance market will encourage continued infrastructure development, capital investment, and help sustain and promote economic growth throughout the State of Tennessee. The strengths and dependability of their network has stood the test of time.

In closing, the Urban League encourages your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Board Chairperson

Warren E. Logan, Jr.
President & CEO

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Thursday, July 25, 2002

Ms. Sara Jones
Chairman
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Regarding: BellSouth Long Distance Service

Dear Chairman Jones;

It may seem strange for a banker to write to you encouraging the TRA to allow BellSouth to provide long distance service to other Tennesseans, and myself, but I am selfish in my request. BellSouth employs many of my friends, neighbors, and customers. When my community needs help funding a special project, BellSouth is willing to listen and provide direct support. Two local telephone employees saved my parents from a very dangerous situation in the late 1950's.

I've never seen anyone anywhere around here, much less helping us out, that represents any of the many other companies that can provide long distance service in Tennessee. It seems strange to me that we would not want as many well capitalized and service oriented companies as possible vying for the business of Tennesseans, especially those companies that have already proven their value here at home.

Thanks for listening. I appreciate your service and consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Willson
President
Certified Financial Services Counselor

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Dear Sara:

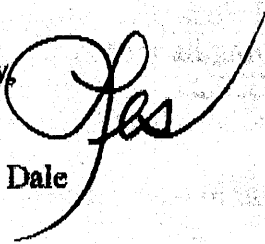
Since competition opened for local service in Tennessee BellSouth has had some of the strongest competition. The company worked hard and developed full compliance with the 1996 Telecom Act.

Authoritative tests show BellSouth's entry into long distance in the region, including Tennessee, is fair for all providers. Approval of BellSouth's entry into long distance will permit their customers to receive local and long distance from their local company. Customers will like this change and the opportunity to save on service.

Approval of BellSouth's entry into long distance will encourage the company's continued development of infrastructure and contribute to the needed growth in our state's financial position.

Your approval of BellSouth's proposal for long distance in Tennessee will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Leslie S. Dale